

Family Planning - Guiding Principles Questionnaire

The *Guiding Principles Questionnaire* is to be used to screen all bilateral, regional, NGO Windows, ANCP Base-accredited NGO, SAS and other bilateral NGO projects which include a family planning component. The *Questionnaire* should be addressed in narrative form by the design team/NGO and form part of the Project Design Document/NGO activity proposal.

1. Are there any partner government policies which limit the ability of women and men to make free and informed choices about timing of childbirth and family size? If yes, how will these be addressed to ensure the project provides a voluntary approach to family planning?
2. How will women and men (in the recipient country) be involved in the design and management of the project's family planning activity?
3. How will local social, cultural and economic issues that impinge on the family planning component of the project be addressed? In particular, consider the differing roles and status of women and men.
4. Which key groups in the community support, and will be involved with, the family planning component of this project?
5. What family planning methods will be available in the project area? Will the available family planning methods be accessible and affordable to prospective clients?
6. What follow-up arrangements will there be for those who wish to change or cease using a family planning method? What arrangements will be made in regard to providing confidential services for clients?
7. What arrangements exist in regard to continuity of contraceptive supplies following completion of the project?
8. Will the project's activities (such as revolving funds or income generating activities) be accessible to people, regardless of numbers of children or contraceptive status?
9. What arrangements will be put in place for monitoring and evaluation against the *Guiding Principles*?
10. Describe any issues relating to the family planning component of this activity, which need to be addressed before the project can proceed. Consider if any of these issues represent major risks.

NOTE:

- *Australian aid funds are not available for activities that involve abortion training or services, or research, trials or activities, which directly involve abortion drugs.*
- *Australian aid funds can only be used to purchase contraceptives which are registered in Australia: monthly cycle oral contraceptive pills; emergency contraceptive pills barrier methods (including condoms, diaphragms, cervical caps), Depo Provera (three monthly injectable), Copper T and Multiload IUDs and Implanon (hormonal implant). It is not necessary that the particular brand or formula be registered in Australia.*